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SPIRITUALISM IN THE TABERNACLE.

Hundred Clergyman Invited-A Large Number Present-Science. Spiritualism and Orthodoxy in Intimate Relations-Attempts to Explode the Manifestations resulting in Conviction-Exhibition of Machinery-Description of the Doctor's Experiments-Imology Acknowledges the Existence of Spirits-When a Man Snirit-world-Intercourse with its Inhabitants-Human Exist. ence to the Higher Spheres.

JUDGE EDMONDS, who had been invited to preside at the meeting, was not present, and the duty was therefore assigned to S. B. BRITTAN, who at the appointed hour, addressed the assembly, in substance, as fol as the existence of the matter which it controls. The matter is and a total unbeliever in Spiritualism. The medium sat at my

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN:

oceasion, you will perhaps indulge me for a moment.

It is often alleged that the converts to Spiritualism are people of uncultivated minds; that they have not been trained in the severe school of modern science and philosophy-that they are wanting in the education and discipline necessary to the exercise of an intelligent discrimination and a reliable judgment. If this is true, in any degree, the reason is equally manifest. Few, of Literature and Art, have ventured to engage in the investigation. It among these a still smaller number have publicly avowed their acceptance of the spiritual idea, it is, perhaps, be- may make the particles react with each other, or if you intro cause very tew have had the moral courage to meet the combined duce these imponderable materials into the interior, you may get opposition of this material age.

we have a noble exception to this rule. His attention was espe-sanctioned the opinion of Faraday, that if there was a table investigation of a single phase of the Manifestations—and our able that that being moved the table. I do not say that I follyou lift the table the disk will go round. Any person seeing is given in another column.] friend speedily arrived at a similar conclusion. But the interest lowed Faraday; I formed the opinion independently, as every man came more diversified, startling and universal. In order to motion. Accordingly, I published my opinions in support of set the medium down behind a screen, where she could lower spheres, who possess more physical than intellectual power. ous mechanical instruments, with a view to preclude the occur- that the result could not arise from the action of any of these rence of any result from muscular action, and to cut off all physical causes; that there was no physical cause under the direct connection between the mind of the medium and the ponderable bodies that were moved. The phenomena still occurred. Instead of subverting their pretensions to a spiritual tained that the movements took place without human contactorigin, the experimenter was forced to yield, at last, to a profound I was the more ready to attribute them to spiritual power. and unwavering conviction-he became a Spiritualist.

this assembly, that they are about to listen to the testimony of things, saying that I was in eror in assuming that the tables one who has enjoyed all the advantages of a severe scholastic moved by the aid of human beings, and declaring that he had discipline, and whose name, for half a century, has been identified with Science and scientific Institutions. For thirty years our dissylvania University, during which time not less than 10,000 found a number of intelligent and apparently well-meaning peopupils have listened to his instructions. These scientific pursuits. and his acquaintance with the prevailing systems of theclogy, had served to lead his mind still further and deeper into the mazes of popular skepticism, where the Spirits found him. But a great change has occurred; and now, in the presence of this assembly; in the maturity of his years, yet with all the faculties of his mind in free and vigorous exercise, he comes to make known the results of his investigation-to peril, for a season, it may be, his high position and commanding influence. He is one of the few who have the magnanimity to hazard so in uchfor a from which I took out the drawer, and which I turne' up and great but dishonored truth.

It affords us unspeakable pleasure to witness the interest which the subject of Spiritualism awakens in the public mind, I between them, and then came the raps, utterly confounding and to introduce to this immense assemblage our distinguished friend, Professor Hare.

REPORT OF THE LECTURE.

truly stated of him, that in his life he had lectured to more than tition between the two parlors. I passed to the adjoining room, ten thousand pupils. He was gratified to meet his friends of New York. He had truly national feelings, and took a pride in every city of our country, but in none more than that which might advantageously compare with any that ever existed. New York next evening I brought a sealed glass tube and a brass rod, which was like a great eagle with her wings on the land and her beak were successively held against the door, when the rapping was in the ocean, deriving profit from agriculture and commerce. What American who had any national feeling, did not feel pride as he looked at the great State of New York, containing more people than the whole Union comprised when we gained our independence!

It was not untruly said that he had always been skeptical as to any facts inconsistent with those laws of science which it was his other; I could see them, both above and below the table: and business to investigate. No man was more incredulous than he of I watched them, for I was an inquirer, not a believer. Three anything like a ghost-story. He had been educated in the sentiments of the nineteenth century, which discredited everything have been presented to a mind less prepared than his to be carried away by any impression of a supernatural kind. Yet he the media; for, if we pushed it, it ran upon the castors; and we had the beating that Entellus gave Dares; and he spelled out the upon the other, when every hand was on the table. A paper before Christ adopted it—it was written in the human bosom.

they doing?-Answer through the Modern Manifestations-The seasons, and the corresponding variety of animals existing? selves, but incredulous as I was, I could not believe that they but now I was capable of becoming the dupe of any girl! I was one of those persons, observed the speaker, who attributed this to the spiritual power of God. It appeared to me that the existence of Reason in this universe was just as evident the matter, nor the matter the Reason; and wherever and howassociated with, I had no idea that Spirits were concerned in it. viewing it then as a physical phenomenon. I knew perfectly well that, according to the laws of motion, weight is necessary to move weight. Archimedes said, "Give me where to stand. the Church or the State, in the schools of Science, or the walks as a natural philosopher, I found it was necessary, in order that ures to prevent the possibility of deception. Accordingly, and when that boy was allowed to put his hand at the extremity weight should be moved, that weight should react with it.

You can never make electricity move a single body. You an explosion, but still you can never get action without reaction, It is hardly necessary to observe that in the case of Dr. Hare, according to the laws of nature. Actuated by these views, name of electricity or Odic Force, or anything of the kind, that could account for these motions. Hence, when it was ascer

A practical man, who had the ingenuity to make a very ex-I beg leave to remind the ladies and gentlemen who compose cellent telescope, wrote to me urging me to look into these seen them move without contact. Never did a letter appear more true than this of Dr. Amasa Holcombe, of Mass. About ple seated around a table. It was no mercenary circle. It was at the house of a citizen of Philadelphia, where people met periodically for these manifestations, of which it is my object to treat. I was invited to take a seat at the table. After the singing of a hymn, raps, for which it was utterly impossible to account, came under the table. I was all vigilance-a thorough unbeliever-earnestly hoping that I should find out an explanation agreeable to the laws of motion and the laws of science. Seeing how incredulous I was, a small table was se' sted. examined, and found to be nothing but a board below as well as above. Two ladies sat down to this table, one at each end. and my capacity to explain them. I afterwards visited the same place. The medium, a very disinterested and artless creature-Dr. HARE came forward amid loud applause. It had been to her child-was sitting on the sofa, when raps came on the parbut saw nothing to enable me to account for the sounds. The medium then took up a flute, and held it against the panel of the door between the two rooms; raps took place in the flute. The again heard. I then sat down at a table, when two ladies placed their hands on the other side of it. My force was wholly inadequate to keep them from raising the table one way or the other-I was at the house of a friend, where a large, heavy center-table, with three claws, was in the middle of the room. I sat down times the table came over against me, and went back again. while the hands of the ladies were simply on the surface. I

were communications from my Spirit-friends.

On another occasion I was seated at a small table. On my right sat a lawyer of eminence, who was an orthodox Christian, not more evident than the controlling Reason. The Reason is not | left. At the foot of the table, a gentleman was passing his pencil over the card, and another was taking down the letters indithe letters, by tilting the table, could without difficulty make that my father was there moving that disk! I said, "You must "aboard;" and yet board is but a synonym for table. allow me to repeat the experiment." The medium said she

saw this planet moving with a velocity fifty times greater than barely strength enough to do even that, with our hands upon words, "pulsatque, versatque," I asked him what was the being placed under the table with a pencil, the name of "Robert There was not a child but would say to him who should oppress

name of my English grandfather's partner.

that of a cannon ball, revolving about its center, and a common the smooth surface, without grasping the edge of the table-a word considered as very expressive of the sounds of a horse's Hare" was scrawled upon it. When visiting a distinguished A DESCRIPTIVE AND PHILOSOPHICAL LEGIURE, center of gravity with the moon, kept in perfect order, and car- condition which I took great care to have observed, in order to hoof trampling on the ground. He spelled out the word, "qua- medium in Boston, in company with his friend Dr. W. F. Chanried with such a nice balance that its motions were not to be secure a proper test. I afterward went to another circle, where drupedante." Cards were held up, and they were described, ning, he was informed by the medium that she could not see him known without those investigations which astronomers have made the medium was what they call a tipping-medium. Where raps when neither the medium nor myself knew what they were, till Wednesday. Rappings having been heard, upon inquiry it at the Tabernacle-Intense Interest among all Classes-Three upon other bodies; and if it were not carried with more equa- are resorted to, it is usually known that one signifies "No," Thus was disproved the assertion that a Spirit can not tell what was alleged by his spirit-friends that there was an earlier hour when nimity than any man can carry a basin of water across a room, two "Doubtful," and three "Yes." In the case of table-tippings, is not seen or known by the inquirer. As some objection was Mrs. Ellis, the medium, could see them. On looking at her rewe should be all drowned. Such are the phenomena of daily these answers are indicated by a corresponding number of tilts. made to the use of one ball, I then resorted to two, because the cord, she found she could give the hour mentioned. Thus an experience, and how was this to be accounted for, and how was The alphabet being taken up, and the finger or pencil passed idea was that I was so blind that I would allow the medium to idea was suggested beyond the thought and knowledge of any mortality Demonstrated by a Scientific Process-Popular The- it possible to account for the force by which this planet, with its over it, that letter is written down which is beneath the pencil take hold of the ball, or would allow her to take hold of the one present. He then had the opportunity of witnessing most enormous velocity, is kept in its orbit? How would you account when a tilt is made. By this means various extraordinary com- table. If I had come out against Spiritualism numerous com- distinctly the phenomenon of table-moving without contact. Dies a Spirit is florn-Where are all the Spirits, and what are for its inclination to its orbit, and the consequent changes of munications were made. My relatives came and reported them- pliments would have been paid as to my ability for observation, Upon inquiring whether his friend, Dr. Channing, should accom-

And a have

"A man convinced against his will Is of the same opinion still.'

One of the most remarkable tests which I obtained was my elder brother coming to me, and saying that he overheard a conversation with reference to himself, between me and my younger brother. I asked this Spirit-brother with whom he studied, and In the abscuce of Judge Edmonds, the duty of supplying his ever that governing Reason exists, there is God. Thus, believing cated. The following words came; "Light is dawning on the he gave the name of the lawyer, who was no less a person than place has unexpectedly devolved on me. It is not my purpose in the spiritual power of God, I was, of course, prepared to mind of your friend. Soon he will speak trumpet-tongued to Chief Justice Tilghman. In the next place, in order to have to occupy your time by any extended remarks, but in rising to believe that he might endow beings with spiritual power. the scientific world, and add a new link to that chain of evidence something of that very precise character which men of science introduce the venerable Friend who is to address you on this But as no evidence was brought to my mind that there were on which our hope of man's salvation is founded." The lawyer call for, I contrived an apparatus very much like a plaything. any such beings, I did not believe in their existence; and when said he was unable to account for the production of these sen- called a "see-saw," excepting that the fulcrum, instead of being table-turning was made a matter of conversation among those I tences. By the processes he observed, he could not con- under the middle of the board, was near one end. The longer ceive how even a grammatical sentence could be made, still end is supported by a spring balance. In the first instance a less a sentence like that, full of meaning. The only possible boy, between eleven and twelve years old, put his hand upon the escape from the conclusion, that some invisible, intelligent being surface of the shorter end of the board. He had no other comwas the author of these words, was to suppose the worthy gentle- munication with it; and twice during two different evenings, the and I will move the world." It was necessary to have a place man who recorded them, both capable and willing to exer- spring balance showed an increase of weight of seven pounds, comparatively, who have occupied distinguished positions in to stand; and so, in all my experience, whether as a chemist, or cise jugglery. But I now determined to take active meas- which, multiplied by the distance, was equal to forty-two pounds; constructed the apparatus which is here seen. You will of the leverage, he could only bring it down five and a half observe that there is connected with it a pasteboard disk, pounds; but where he put them in the first instance, he rather more than a foot in diameter, around which the alphabet | could not have exerted half that force. A smart lady in is placed, out of alphabetical order as much as possible. An the company said she could do that herself. I said. "Come and axle passes through the table below the surface, on which this try." She put her hand upon the board, and made the index of disk revolves. The hub of the wheel has a groove in it, and acts the balance go up to zero, but she could not make it go down a as a pulley over which a string is passed, to one end of which a single ounce. This experiment I mentioned to my excellent cially called to the subject about the time that Prof. Faraday moved when a human being was present, since the table was an large weight is attached, which is fastened to the floor, and to friend Prof. Henry, who could not credit it. In order to satisfy published his opinion—a hasty judgment, founded on a partial inanimate body, incapable of self-motion, it was extremely prob-

The speaker proceeded to remark that the more violent maniawakened in this country continued to increase as the facts be- must, who endeavors to explain it by the well-known laws of any letter come under the index; otherwise he could not. I festations—table-moving, etc.,—were produced by Spirits of the explode the spiritual claims of the phenomena, Dr. Hare pro- those of Faraday. From my long acquaintance with the laws not see the disk, and, of course, she could not see the letters. The earlier manifestations which were designed to elicit public and we feel the same interest in its promulgation. I am daily striving coeded with his experiments. He constructed and applied vari- of motion or chemical and mechanical action, I felt certain Having thus situated the medium, I sat in front of the disk and attention were of a startling character, which were superseded by said. "If there be a Spirit present, let him bring the letter y un- more intellectual manifestations as soon as the proper means for ignorance to contend against. I know that the truths of progression, der the index, in order to indicate his presence." Accordingly, them were devised. The sneer at these lower manifestations, as with the help of a good and wise God, will ultimately prevail over all it revolved to the letter v. "Will the Spirit be so kind as to they were considered, was not well merited. He could not congive his initials?" It revolved immediately to R and to H. ceive why a table should be considered low or contemptible. If "What," said I. "my father?" It revolved again to the letter our firesides are dear to us, are not our tables, around which we in comparison with earth's joys, are far more beautiful and sublime. I y, indicating the affirmative. "Will you arrange these letters in in Christendom sit nearly three times a day? The fireside is wish you could look with the eye of prescience, and see that glorious alphabetical order?" The disk again moved, and the letters indeed interesting in cold weather, but is not always, like our were arranged as requested. "Will you now spell the name of tables, indispensable, yet our fireside is associated with our reli-Washington?" It was spelled. "The name of Franklin?" It gion in the motto, "Pro aris et focis"-for our altars and our was spelled. "Now," said a bystander, "You must give up. firesides. It is upon tables that the contracts of the most important the Fountain Inn. There he felt for it unsuccessfully, and appre-You made this instrument to disprove Spiritualism, and you see kind, and treaties by which the fate of nations is decided, are it confirms it." I remarked that this was the most important signed. In Trumbull's picture of the Declaration of Independence tinguished friend has occupied a Professor's chair in the Penn- this time a friend offered to take me to a circle. I went, and experiment I ever performed, if it be viewed as proving that the the table is a very conspicuous object. We read of the Knights that it was lost before reaching the Inn. Going to Mrs. Hayshade of my honored father was there. What an awful idea, of the Round Table; and no one feels disgraced by belonging to den's, next day, he inquired, through her, of his Spirit-father as

But the Professor soon gave up tables. The disks, which at would not sit for me again, I was so incredulous; when the disk first were made large, were afterward reduced in diameter, and was verified, and the scroll obtained from the conductor of the revolved, and this communication was spelled: "Oh, my son, listen rendered much more convenient. Mr. Pease, of Thompsonville to reason!" The medium relented, and I repeated the experi- Connecticut, had constructed an instrument in which a spring was ment a few days afterward, with the very same result. I asked substituted for mere weights, and in which the index, instead of my father if he was happy. He said he was. "Is my mother with the disk, revolved. This was called "Pease's Disk." The doing until possessed of further information. His Spirit-father vov." "Yes." "My sister?" "Yes." "My brother?" "No." speaker had, for the want of a better word, called his instrument commenced writing a year ago, but what he first wrote was rethen modified the apparatus so as to make it move by the a Spiritoscope. When the medium had placed her hands upon jected, because the medium blended it with the thoughts of her drill-bow process, making the disk revolve by the movement of the fulcrum of this instrument, the Spirits could operate them own mind. His father afterward wrote through another medium. the table on its castors. I had never before seen the medium, nor so rapidly that it was difficult to take down the communications In that way he got twenty-eight pages which were all examined she my apparatus. Analogous results were obtained. She in- as fast as they were made. To prevent error, arising from the and tested by means of the Spiritoscope. The communication voked her uncle, and he spelled his name on the disk. It medium's own influence, tests were resorted to, after the commuwas suggested that the medium had clairvoyant power, though nications were given. Names were spelt by the successive point- Brittan. He thought that no one would pretend to offer any neither she nor anybody else was aware of it. I then altered ing of the index to the requisite letters, when no other commu- objection to it, except as to its truth; for certainly a more gloso disinterested that she would not allow me to make a present my mode of demonstration. I had prepared some large brass nication existed between the medium and the instrument but rious idea of our future home could not be wished by the most balls, turned like billiard balls, for the purpose of establishing that of water in a vase, into which the hands of the medium the idea which I had in common with Faraday, that there was were dipped. He had observed how very nice were the condian involuntary motion which caused the phenomena. One of tions upon which success in experiments depended. The power by the guillotine—provided he could thereby induce in his fellowthese balls was placed upon the table, and upon it was placed of the medium, suspended by the coldness of water, was restored countrymen, a similar belief; for what is this life compared with a smooth plate of metal, upon which the hands of the medium by warming it. On one occasion Mrs. Hayden, in Boston, lifted eternity? It is not so much as the tick of a watch compared rested. It was thus clearly beyond her power to control the her hands from the instrument, so that there was no contact with with the whole earth-life. Immortality is of all things the most movements of the table, although allowed to look on both sides it, and yet the communication went on; and through the Spirit- important. A religion without immortality is a rope of sand. of the disk. Her grandfather's Spirit came and reported him- oscope he was informed to whom he addressed a letter, and All those philosophers who had derived religion from nature, self; after which my father communicating with me, I asked what was inclosed in it. A request was made for the Spirit could never form a sect of any importance, because they could him what was the name of an uncle who, seventy years ago, was to spell out the name of Jefferson, which was done while the not promise eternal life. The hope of reaching Heaven by the murdered by the Arabs. That name was given me. Also the disk was concealed from the eyes of the medium. In June same means is the great bond of union. Whatever proofs name of a partner who came out and took care of his affairs 1854, the Professor visited New York, and stopped at the house men might have of immortality, they would be better to have opposite two of the claws, while three media sat opposite the during the revolution. Nobody present knew that name but of Mrs. Brown. At a sitting with her, he distinctly heard those more. To his mind the facts which he had stated, and the commyself. Then was given the name of some of my English rela- rappings which created so much excitement and led to so much munication, which he had received, were strong proofs. They tives, the name of an aunt who died forty years ago, and the unjust suspicion and vituperation of the members of her family. had created in his mind a deep conviction that we are to live

On one occasion, sitting with a medium who is not a Latin with a gentleman distinguished for scientific attainments, when rior to anything to be transiently attained here, we have only to of a marvelous character. The subject of Spiritualism could not tried the table then, with the aid of another man, but we did not scholar, and is of course ignorant of Virgil, I asked my father to extraordinary manifestations occurred. Two bells were placed act toward our fellow-creatures as we would have them act to us. succeed in raising it with our hands in position of the hands of point out the words in Virgil which he considered as describing under the table, and they were rung, and one bell was placed That was the sentiment put forth by Confucius six hundred years

pany him on a future occasion at a sitting, the hand of the spirit wrote upon paper, very rapidly, a number of figures, for which the letters of the alphabet, corresponding to the figures, were substituted by direction of the medium, and the communication appeared to be, "My dear brother, come alone." It purported to be his sister's Spirit who thus requested that the interview should be private, and who said she wanted to give him a test. Upon another occasion, through the same mediumship, the following verses were addressed to him by his Spirit-sister,

Brother beloved, of ardent soul, Striving to reach a heavenly goal, Wouldst then attain the blissful hight Where wisdom purifies the sight-Where God reveals to humblest gaze, The bliss and beauty of his ways-Incline thine ear to angels bright. Who, radiant from the realms of light, Forever hover near-To offer thee sweet words of cheer.

Upon being told that his sister was, in the Spirit-world, called the "Queen of Flowers," he addressed to her the Sicilian Mariner's Hymn, altered as follows, so as to apply to her:

Oh! bonissima, oh! carissima Dalcis soror, amata Florum regina In cœlo cognita Cura, cura, pro nobis Cura, cura, pro nobis Scraph amata intemerata Cura, cura, pro nobis.

This having been chanted, his sister gave the following rem through the Spiritoscope:

"DEAR BROTHER: I answer your proper by saying I do watch over you, and pray for your welfare. I am grateful for your remembrance. and shall strive to deserve it. O1 brother, our cause is a common one. the land; but when that happy time comes to earth, your freed spirit will rove the endless fields of immortality with those loved friends who have gone a little while before. Then will we revel in delights which, time when all nations shall become as a band of brothers."

When at Boston, having a scroll containing a communication from his Spirit-father, after reading to a lady, he proceeded to hended that it was lost. Going to Salem and returning the same evening, the scroll was missing, so as to confirm the idea to what had become of the scroll. He was informed that it was left on the seat in the car. On due application this information train in question.

His Spirit-friends were very urgent, as long ago as June 1584, that he should publish his experience, which he declined was to be found in a volume just issued by Messrs. Partridge & sanguine. His belief in it made him so happy that no sacrifice would be too great for him-not even the severing of his neck He was afterwards present at a circle in her house in company forever—a deep conviction, that, to inherit a state infinitely supe-

scale of right and wrong given to man. If we only act by this to himself and medium. rule, we are secure of a glorious and certain estate in the Spirit-

The Spirit-world, according to communications from his They are concentric bands going round the earth, at the dismore pure and elevated, they rise; for this Spirit-world is the beau ideal of a republic where virtue and mind give respect-A freedom from guile and hypocricy is indispensable for ascen-There is much difference as to the time required for ascending to fifth spheres; while another had said that he was several years in arriving at a similar elevation. The Professor had observed that avarice invariably puts a man down. The man who acquired money for the sake of money, and held it in this world. mentioned as being in the lower spiritual sphere. But all those who risk themselves for the good of mankind—who live for others. and, through others, for themselves—are said to go to the higher spheres. The doctrine taught by Spirits, in this respect, is exceedingly happy. It was free from that horrible view which assumes that a finite error should be the cause of infinite pain. His ideas in this respect were expressed by some verses which he But could the soul be thus imprisoned, perhaps to eternity? recited. (See p. 30, Par. 92 of Spiritualism Scientifically Demonstrated.)

No soul is forever excluded from celestial bliss; sooner or later, all may progress to a state of happiness.

Each sphere is divided into six circles or planes. There are therefore, thirty-six gradations. The man of bad passions passes to the society of such as have similar propensities, and sees his own deformity in theirs-moral deformities being in the Spirit-world reciprocally manifest. Hence an aspiration arises for elevation to a better and more elevated society, while the improve. There are no punishments there for punishment's sinner, for it is a great misfortune to be wicked. We should all feel that, so far as God has given us better dispositions, we have who have inherited worse dispositions, have received inferior take care of ourselves. We should not lie down to be robbed "above" has a relative signification. or murdered, but must protect ourselves against those evilly disposed; yet we should not retaliate injury to them with animosity. If we kill a viper we should do it humanely; for the viper did not make his tooth hollow and put poison at its root. The Professor could not doubt that this world will be better, and that one great means of improving it will be communion with the Spirits of the celestial world, and the expectation of ultimate happiness therein, regulating our conduct here by principles which will elevate us there. Then all sectarian animosity would cease.

Reference was made to a communion with which he had been too flattering to repeat.

course no rational being would try to find out that which he alhad but one object in view in religion. All men meant to wor-thing had seemed more striking to the speaker, in his intercourse for his God, is no more wanting in piety than a debtor who had been clothed in the earth-form. pays a forged order is deficient of honesty. Would a tenant be who means to worship the true God, because through ignorance thousand dollars which have been lost by Adams' Express Com- of heaven, grew up crooked and became unlovely to look upon he mistakes the proper object?

The axioms above stated were recited in verse, as they appear in paragraph 34 of the Professor's late work.

In the next place, the Professor proceeded to mention a test centuries ago.

He was at Cape Island last summer when his sister communicated with him, by means of the Spiritoscope. He requested her, to deal with real know-nothings. (Laughter.) More than one at one o'clock on the 3d July, to go to Mrs. Gourlay, in Phila- half of his time had been taken in speaking of Spiritualism. in delphia, and get her to send to the bank and ascertain on instructing the ignorant, and in correcting the errors into which what day a certain note would become duc. It was at half- persons fall, who have not taken time to inform themselves. In past three o'clock when the answer was returned. When he speaking of the many difficulties which sometimes attend the reached Philadelphia, upon inquiring of Mrs. Gourlay whether getting of spiritual communications, he said he had known a she had received a communication from him, she replied, "Your medium to be wholly disqualified for such a purpose by ill usage. Spirit-sister came and interrupted a communication from my While a lady was in great need of money, and could not mother to my brother and myself, and said that we must send afford to spend her time without being remunerated for it to the bank and ascertain when your note would become due. Ac three gentlemen engaged her services as a medium for cordingly my brother and my husband went to the bank." The certain length of time, but at the close of their interview with clerk of the bank confirmed the statement as to inquiry having her they went away without paying her usual compensation, she been made, and as to the time the note became due. Thus at having too much delicacy to allude to it. While thus im-Cape Island, about fifty miles from Philadelphia, he had, in two pressed, not a single communication could be received through

true as it respects motion without contact and communication. to be observed by media, that extreme hot weather somethe speaker clearly disproved this idea, things having been accom- nomena precarious and that an audience assembling for the purplished utterly beyond the power of all present. By what pose of witnessing them would be very liable to be disappointed. means could the minds of persons move a table! This error He once delivered a lecture on Spiritualism at a village when he arises from Dr. Bell's insufficient knowledge of the phenomena. took with him his spiritoscope, and Mrs. Gourlay accompanied The Professor related an instance of a correct translation being him and took hers also. A large number of the inhabitants of made from a French book by the Spirits, through a medium the place assembled. Immediately after Mrs. Gourlay seated 10th instant.

it, "How would you like this to be done to you?" It is the best who knew nothing of French, when the book was invisible both herself at her instrument, a Spirit began to communicate, but

one which checks their investigation. It should be considered communicating replied that he desired to rebuke his son who father, consisted of seven spheres, of which this is the first. that the will-power of God extends to the whole creation. was present in the audience for not controlling his temper, We admit that the will-power of God is the cause of the cre- which his wife would not consent to his doing publicly; tance of sixty miles from the surface, and reaching one hundred ation. It is by our own will-power that we make the slightest but that now the difficulty was settled, and his wife had conand twenty. One half is appropriated to those who go there movements. As the will-power must have a medium through sented to his rebuking his son on the condition that he should with evil propensities, without the disposition to seek their hap- which to act, there is an ethereal aura through which it not mention his name, whereupon a rebuke was given, which piness through the happiness of others. All who aim at doing acts. A Spirit had said, that without a will-power each person was eloquent and impressive. A difficulty frequently arises in right, go to a happy though inferior sphere. As they become might rot in his shoes. But it must be evident, that if we are obtaining communications on account of the great number of immortal, as it is believed by the great mass of Christendom. Spirits wishing to communicate. The greater the number of when we die, we must become Spirits, because now we know people, the greater the number of Spirits. He was once inwhere ascendancy is founded on real merit. There are two that the flesh is resolved into air. We all know that the atmosmodes of ascending, one that of "purity." At once the child or phere is the receiver of every portion of our bodies except the mortals. The Spirits crowd where anything interesting to the infant ascends to the highest sphere—ascends in love and purity. earth of bones, and some minute portions of inorganic matter. Of cause of Spiritualism is transpiring. Mrs. Gourlay had rarely course, when a man dies a Spirit is born. People attend their sat at the Spiritoscope but that the father, mother, aunt, or some sion. No wisdom will make up for the absence of these virtues. friends till they die; and after they are dead, they are in many other relative of each member of the circle, was present cases carefully watched, and yet no Spirits are seen to leave their the higher spheres. One Spirit had in two years passed to the bodies; still all must believe that the Spirit of man does take would interfere with the powers of the medium to whom he releave of his body at death, if they believe that such a Spirit sorted. To his surprise, it seemed very little to impair the actua-

Were a tyrant to enclose a human being while alive, in a cast iron vessel, the aperture through which the introduction should garly called rust, and then undergoes no farther change, so that his friend W. W., now was made a party to this investigation, the corporeal elements might be retained to an infinite time. Could the tyranny of a man thus imprison an immortal soul air-tight and apparently impenetrable metallic vessel?

It is believed by many, and it is taught by the inhabitants of the invisible world, that spirit can pass through material substances. Every man who believes in immortality must believe that when a human being dies his Spirit departs from the body and enters upon a new state of existence. Where, then, does it go? Where does it exist? It is a known fact that one of the two nearest of the fixed stars is a double star, consisting of two suns higher Spirits are always ready to instruct the inferior how to which, though they are six thousand millions of miles apart, are so remote that they have the appearance of being but a single star. sake, neither any pardon. The only way to be pardoned is to The fixed stars, then, are too far distant for it to be reasonably cease to be sinful. But there is always commiseration for the supposed that the Spirits of men inhabiting this planet will go to of a simlar size, much reduced the power. them; and why should they go to the other planets which, undoubtedly, have inhabitants of their own? It is a general belief were, by Schoubien, supposed to be owing to a peculiar gaseous been favored of God; and we should have much feeling for those that the heavens—the future abode of the soul—are above, of element which he called ozone. Afterward, by Berzelius and course; while what is above to us is below to the inhabitants in others, the phenomena in question were attributed to a peculiar educations, and have more temptations. Nevertheless, we must China, and what is above to them is below to us. The word

It may be supposed that the spiritual spheres are everywhere above; that is, they are concentric bands going around the earth leaving between them interstices in which the Spirit-world exists It is to be observed, however, that there is nothing like a partition. The Spirits ascertain their proper locations by diversity of constitution; by merit, by a sort of spiritual gravity, merit being inversely as weight.

Believers in immortality have generally entertained such rague notions concerning Heaven, that owing to their having no rational conception of it, and their consequent inability to give to gratified by the great and good Washington; when the Professor, others anything like a comprehensible view of it, another class in obedience to request, recited some verses written in 1812, in called materialists have become disbelievers in the existence of applause of that pre-eminent being. (See paragraph 655 of the any such place. But Spirits have enabled those who have given Professor's late work on Spiritualism.) Scarcely was the recital ear to their instructions, to give a specific account of the locality finished, when it was followed by an effusion from the listener of the Spirit-world, and to understand something of its conditions. The speaker would remark that the seventh was not the highest The Professor assumed that there were axioms in theology, no sphere of the soul, but that there was above that a supernal less than in mathematics. He held that nothing can happen | Heaven. Washington and his coadjutors had not yet reached which any being has the disposition and the power to prevent; that place; but he felt as though if he could obtain as advanced that anything must happen which any being has both the will a state of progression as they are now in, he would be satisfied, him his son who is also called Superstition. And these two with Mrs. Fox and her daughter, Catherine, who is widely known and power to produce: that an omniscient and prescient Being for then he would be free to roam where he pleased in the built a high wall of iron around about the young and tender as one of the original Rochester mediums. A person in the can not be under the necessity of trying anything, because he Spirit-world. He would experience the highest and purest social trees, and they scattered many stones upon the ground, and company referred to Dr. Kane, the Arctic navigator, and expresscan make it what he wants it to be, and see what it will be. Of joys, and he would be able to quench his thirst for music, poetry, stretched a thick covering over their heads, so that the light ed the opinion that he had shared the fate of Sir John Franklin. literature, science-everything to which the high-minded human ready knows perfectly well. The Professor inferred that all men being aspires. "There love increases and hate dies away." Noship right. To say that a man assumes the appearance of worship with his Spirit-friends, than their devoted affection: and often -that he kneels and talks-is not what he meant by worship. when they had communicated with him, his bosom had swelled But a man who devoutly worships any object which he mistakes with the same tender emotions that he would have felt if they

At this point a gentleman in the audience, asked the speaker up much with pecuniary transactions; and that although a Spirit-sister might go and make an inquiry respecting the business of her brother, for the purpose of enabling him to proevidence which has been advanced in support of Scripture, for it of his health, it did not follow that Spirits were to become the was as reasonable that moderns should be believed as that confi- agents of every banker or broker, who might desire to use them. fidence should be reposed in the statement of those who lived He observed that there was a positive party who although they had assumed the name of "Know-Nothings," had proved themselves to know a great deal; but that the Spiritualists had now hours and a-half, put four people in motion in Philadelphia. her mediumship; yet subsequently learning that she had not There is a certain class of observers, like Dr. Bell, a very been wronged, and that they had paid the money to her husdistinguished physician, and Prof. Mahan who has written a band, all her powers returned, and she became a good book against Spiritualism, who assert that what I have said is medium again. So delicate are the conditions necessary Dr. Bell says that he has seen tables moved five or six times incapacitates them for being used by Spirits as instruwithout contact, and meanwhile intelligence was displayed. The ments through which to communicate to mortals. He had been table being stopped by a strip between two rooms, it was very anxious that the manifestations which he had witnessed requested by the medium to get the table over it. Yet should be exhibited before the public, but he had found that the Dr. Bell says that he finds that nothing can be communicated delicacy of the conditions mediums would be required to be in that is not in the mind of the inquirer. But the statement of in order to insure success, rendered public displays of the phe-

soon ceased to do so, and for a long time nothing by way of It was not strange that the people should be incredulous getting communications was done. The speaker inquired through respecting this mediumship-it was a great mystery, and his spiritoscope the cause of delay. The Spirit who had been formed by a Spirit that there were more Spirits present than

It occured to him to try how far the interposition of his hand tion of the index by the officiating Spirit. It next occured to him to ascertain how far a diminution of contact, between his hand and that of the medium, would impair the power exercised under without feeling the pleasure of doing good with it, is invariably be made being closed by a stopple soldered in air-tight, all the these conditions. In pursuance of his request, the contact was still found it difficult to obtain a convenient standing-place. At ponderable elements of the corporeal body would be retained; diminished by successively lifting the fingers of the medium and the appointed hour the space around the chancel was entirely but can any one who believes the soul to survive the body think the rest of the hand from his, until only one finger was left. that it would remain included in that vessel so long as it should Finally, this power was removed, and yet the power of actuation endure? Cast-iron coats itself with a carbonated peroxide, vul- still continued to exist, though enfeebled. The officiating spirit, being requested to estimate the effects as well as himself.

He requested the medium to pick up a pair of scissors which lay on the table, and, while holding the blades between the finger at the request of the Committee. When the venerable Lecturer Does it not follow that the soul would not be confined by the and thumb, to lay the rings upon the back of his hand. An increase of powers was manifested to his observation and that the brief address which preceded Dr. Hare's lecture, silence pre-

> At a subsequent sitting, having made due preparation, a strip of sheet-tin, about two inches wide and fifteen inches in length being applied to the back of his hand while resting on the base board of the spiritoscope, the medium held it successively at va rious distances. Under these circumstances, the facilitation wa greater as the distance between her hand and his was diminished

A plate of glass of about four inches square, interposed between the palm of the hand of the medium and the back of his, inter rupted the power entirely; but neither cork, nor a metallic plate

Certain phenomena, occasionally associated with oxygen gas state of oxygen. Ozone, however, may be the inscrutable vital air of the Spirit-world, which, although permeating our atmosphere, and participating in the support of life, usually escapes detection from its imponderability. It is assumed that there is a temporal ether which produces, by its undulations light, by its vibrations heat, and by its polarization electricity: and the Spi rits allege that there is an ether appropriate to their universe, endowed with analogous attributes. The Professor surmised that by communion with the higher Spirits, much might be learned which would give greater precision and efficacy to medical prac-

### A PARABLE.

AND it came to pass that the "Master of Life" planted a grove of oaks. And the sun shone, and the dews fell, and the winds breathed upon them, and the trees began to grow, for the soil was fruitful and the seed was good. Then went the "Master of Life" away joyfully, and said in his heart, when I return after many days, behold my eyes will be glad, for they will look upon a noble grove of majestic oaks, waving their stately boughs in the air, and crowning the plains with beauty. But when he was Dr. Kane's Return Predicted. gone there came one whose name is Ignorance, bringing with and the sunshine, and the dews and the sweet air of Heaven It having been currently reported that a marriage engagement could not reach them. And when they had done these things. they spake unto the trees, saying, "Oh trees, ye are free, and have power over yourselves, to become whatsoever ye will. Now, therefore, grow strong and straight. Let your roots strike deep into the earth, and let your branches tower aloft into heaven." And the trees strove mightily to fulfill the commandment which had been given to them. But in vain. Some of them withered dishonest who should pay the rent due to his landlord to one why, if through the instrumentality of Spirits he could transact and died, and others reaching out and struggling in their agony falsely personating him? Can God consider any man as impious his bank business, he could not discover the whereabouts of fifty after the light, and the sunshine, and the sweet airs his party made their appearance here on the 11th of October. vany? to which he replied that Spirits did not mix themselves And when the evil ones who had builded the wall about them, and taken away the light, and the dew, and the air, saw it, they cursed the trees because they did not grow straight, and beautiful, and strong, saying, " Why cumber they the ground? Let us manifestation, which, if unbelievers denied, they might deny any long his stay in a place where he was sojourning for the benefit fall upon them, and cut them down, and cast them into the fire everlasting." But while they made ready to execute their evil designs, they lifted up their eyes, and behold! afar off they saw the Master of Life coming that way. And when they saw him they were sore afraid, because their deeds were evil, and they

fled, leaving their axe upon the ground. Then came the Master of Life, and as he drew near a sad and nournful sound went forth from the midst of the boughs of the trees which he had planted. And when the Master of Life heard the voice of their lamentation, his heart was moved with compassion within him. And he took the axe which the evil ones had left in their flight, and with a strong arm he smote the walls of iron which Ignorance and Superstition had built about the trees, and broke it in pieces, and he tore down the covering which excluded the light, and removed all the stones from off the ground so that the light, and the sunshine, and the dews, and the gentle winds of Heaven were no more excluded from them. And the Master of Life watched over them, and they prospered and the trees grew and flourished mightily, and became strong and beautiful. Nevertheless, those which had been made crooked by the evil works of Ignorance and Superstition, could not be come entirely straight, but they grew no more crooked and the thick green boughs shot forth luxuriantly and hid from sight their deformity, so that they became fair to look upon, and were strong and healthy. And their children which sprung up around them, blessed with the glad light of day, and the sweet influence of the gentle dews and the fragrant winds, grew up tall, and straight, and beautiful. So that when the aged trees, their parents were removed by the gentle hand of nature, there remained only a majestic grove of tall and stately oaks which joyfully struck their branches together, and praised evermore the merciful "Master of Life."

Detroit, November 12, 1855.

The Editor designs to leave this city, with the intention of lecturing in several western towns and cities, on Monday the

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## SPIRITUAL TRLEGRAPH.

S. B. BRITTAN, EDITOR.

"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

### NEW YORK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1855.

GREAT MEETING AT THE TABERNACLE.

On Friday evening of last week, the Broadway Tabernacle was audiences that ever assembled within its walls. It had been previously announced in the daily Journals, that Pror. Robert HARE would, on that evening and in that place, deliver a public lecture, descriptive of the methods, and imbodying the results, of his investigation of the Spiritual Phenomena. As early as six o'clock, before the doors were opened or a single light was burning within, the people began to assemble, and from that time until near eight the living tide was uninterrupted. By half-past seven—the hour designatedfor the lecture—the vast area was filled, and hundreds were standing in the aisles and galleries. A light rain that commenced falling about seven o'clock doubtless kept many persons away, but a large number who were present occupied, the avenues and the stairs leading to the platform is not our custom to send out books on commission, but we shall being totally obstructed. None of the daily papers have estimated the audience at less than three thousand, while the Express states emphatically that there were full four thousand persons present. The people seemed to be in the most obliging mood, and the dense crowd readily opened to the right and left reached the platform, the confusion gradually subsided. During vailed, and order reigned over the vast multitude.

was listened to with marked respect and attention. During the can judge from present indications, is exciting the deep attention first two hours very few persons left the Tabernacle, and we of numerous readers. We transfer to our columns this week, have seldom or never witnessed more civility and good order on the following extracts, the first part of which is explanatory of any similar occasion. In the course of the evening the speaker one of Prof. H.'s numerous and interesting experiments, and the detailed the causes of his former skepticism: the nature of his last part is descriptive of certain phases of spiritual manifestations experiments, and the uses of his instruments; the wonderful and in France, and of the manner in which they have there been reunexpected results; his final conclusions, and the influence of garded by the learned. Spiritualism on his mind and feelings. He was bold, pointed and serious in the annunciation of his views, at the same time his manner was familiar and unostentatious. Not less than two thousand five hundred persons remained until ten o'clock, when the learned Professor concluded his remarks, and the audience retired in the most orderly and quiet manner.

The influence of the Tabernacle-meeting has been felt throughout the country. The lecture was reported, or otherwise noticed at length, by the Times, Tribune, Express, Herald, and other widely circulated journals, and many persons who have hitherto been indifferent to the claims of Spiritualism, are now inclined to the presence of John M. Kennedy, Esq. Having a basin of water on the investigate the manifestations with a serious purpose. It is a significant fact that-other circumstances being equal-no other subject will attract so large an audience in this city. Those who tent. have partially recovered from their former blindness, and can discern the "Signs of the Times," will readily perceive that Spiritualism is rapidly becoming of great power in the religious world. that is destined to materially modify all the popular systems of theology; at the same time, it must inevitably overthrow the old being about four feet in length, is supported by a rod as a fulcrum, at Materialism, that, like a millstone, has hung for ages on the about one foot from one end, and, of course, three feet from the other; neck of Humanity, and weighed down its bleeding heart to the

"God works in all things; all obey His first propulsion from the night: Ho, wake and watch!-the world is gray With morning light!"

In the course of the month of August last, we casually met existed between Miss Margaretta Fox and Dr. Kane, we were particular to notice the effect of the opinion thus expressed. The parties appeared perfectly unconcerned, and declared emphatically that Dr. Kane was alive, and that the Spirits assured them that he would most certainly return soon. A friend who was along with us at the time assures us that, on two occasions, they (the Fox family) had informed him that Dr. K. would return in the month of October. It is well known that the Doctor and

### INVITATION TO DR. HARE.

THE following note, signed by the numerous professional men and private citizens whose names are hereunto appended, was addressed to Professor HARE, inviting him to deliver a lecture in this city, giving the results of his investigations on the subject of Spiritualism. Prof. H.'s reply will also be found annexed. The results of his correspondence may be learned from our

NEW YORK, November, 1855.

PROF. ROBERT HARE, M. D.: Sir-Having a high appreciation of your abilities and life-long labors as a man of science; and learning that you have recently been employ ing your vast resources of ingenuity and experience in the investigatio of the current phenomena known by some as "Spiritual Manifestations; and having, moreover, been informed that you have, in this investigation employed such mechanical apparatus and other contrivances as, in your judgment, were calculated to preclude all possible deception, and exhibit the precise nature of the agent involved in the production of the phenomena aforesaid-the undersigned, citizens of New York, would respectfully invite you to explain your experiments, with their results in a public lecture, in this city, to be delivered at your earliest conve

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The following named gentlemen also subscribed the call:

TO MESSES, JOHN W. DRAPFE, M. D., E. K. COLLINS, AND OTHERS: Gentlemen-The letter bearing your signatures, in which I am honored with an invitation to give an exposition of my inquiries respecting Spiritual Manifestations, is just received.

In reply to your request, I hasten to say that it will gratify me much to comply with your wishes on Friday evening next. I am gratefully, your well wisher,

Distribution of Books.

WE frequently receive letters requenting us to send our books to some one in the vicinity of the writers; so that those who want them may be able to obtain them without incurring the expense of sending for, and receiving them through the mail. It be most happy to sell our books to some friend-in every place where there is a demand-at our lowest wholesale rates. Will not some one, in each of those places, who is interested in the subjects of which they treat, keep a small assortment of spiritual books, that the demand may be supplied, and our principles disseminated.

### PROFESSOR HARE'S NEW BOOK.

"SPIRITUALISM SCIENTIFICALLY DEMONSTRATED," just issued The lecture occupied two hours and a half in the delivery, and from our Press, is meeting with a rapid sale, and, so far as we

202. I asked my sister how a spirit could work an apparatus with the medium's hands on the upper surface of the table; the reply was, that the presence of the hands of the medium enabled the spirit to act in opposition to them.

203. Under this head comes the experiment in which a board was supported so as to turn on a fulerum, one foot of the board being on one side of the fulcrum, and three feet on the other, the longer end suspended on a spring balance. When a medium, eleven years old, placed his hands on the short end, that end rose while the other, of course, went down; in some instances, showing an increase of downward pressure on the balance, equivalent to seven pounds.

204. This experiment was subsequently repeated at my laboratory, in board, the boy's hands being merely immersed in the water, and not touching the parietes of the containing vessel; the balance was affected as in the experiment above described, although not to so great an ex-

205 In one case, Mr. Kennedy satisfied bimself that the medium did not touch the vessel, by placing his own hands below those of the medium 206 My much esteemed friend, Prof. Henry, having treated this result as incredible, I was induced to repeat it with the greatest precision and precaution, as represented in Plate 3. The board, as already described, a glass vase, about nine inches in diameter, and five inches in hight, having a knob to hold it by when inverted, had this knob inserted in a hole made in the board, six inches nearly from the fulcrum. Thus, the vase rested on the board, the mouth upward. A wire-gauze cage, such as is used to keep flies from sugar, was so arranged by well-known means, as to slide up or down on two iron rods, one on each side of the trestle supporting the fulcrum. By these arrangements it was so adjusted as to descend into the vase until within an inch and a half of the bottom, while the inferiority of its dimensions prevented it from coming elsewhere within an inch of the parietes of the vase. Water was nou ed into the vase so as to rise into the cage till within about an inch and a half of the brim.

207. A well-known medium (Gordon) was induced to plunge his hands, clasped together, to the bottom of the cage, holding them perfectly still. As soon as these conditions were attained, the apparatus being untouched by any one excepting the medium as described, I invoked the aid of my spirit friends. A downward force was repeatedly exerted upon the end of the board appended to the blance, equal to three nounds' weight nearly.

208. It will be perceived that in this manifestation, the medium had ne means of communication with the board, beside the water. It was not until he became quite still, that the invocation was made. Nevertheless, he did not appear to be subjected to any reacting force. Yet, the distance of the hook of the balance from the fulcrum on which the board turned, was six times as great as the cage in which the hands were situated. Consequently, a force of 18 pounds must have been exerted. The board would propably have been depressed much more, but that the water had been spilled by any farther inclination of the vase. 209. This experiment has since been repeated again and again, but on a smaller scale, when, not only the downward force was exercised.

but the spelling of words was accomplished. 210. On one occasion, when no result ensued, it appeared to arise from the water being so cold as to chill the medium, because, on warming it up to a comfortable temperature, the desired manifestation were

The plate which follows these extracts, and its accompanying explanations, will better illustrate the process of these experi-

366. How changed are the times! Two years ago, the whole Academy of Sciences revolted against the Baron de Humboldt for supposing that at a distance he caused a deviation of the magnetic needle-an experiment, too, which could never be renewed at Paris; and, behold! in place of needles, all at once heavy tables are seen waltzing about the room, and obedient to the will; and all this is easily explained! It is quite plausible! Yes, but this time, gentlemen Savans, we will not allow you to distort the facts. Since the commencement of this volume, we have done nothing but establish, on good evidence, all those which your colleagues arrange agreeably to their fancy, after having absolutely denied them. But now the half of France rises with us to convict them, and to say to you: No, your nervous branches will never explain it; neither the physical phenomena which you would refer to them, nor the intelligence of our tables which respond to our own questions, nor the superintelligence of those which probably to-morrow will reveal to us what we are ignorant of ourselves.

377. "In a letter of May 24th from M. Seguin, one of our most distinguished engineers, to the Abbé Moigno, who had very ably opposed these experiments in Le Pays, M. Seguin says, When I reason dispassionately on the real and very positive results which I have obtained, and seen obtained by others before my eyes, I think myself under the control of an hallucination which causes me to see things differently to what they are. so much does my reason refuse to admit them; but when I repeat my experiments, I find it impossible any longer to resist the force of evidence, when it confounds and upsets all my opinions.

378. " How can you expect me to accept your explanation, when a table touched very lightly by the ends of the fingers, presses against my hand and against my legs to such a degree as to repel me and almost break itself? How believe that the person whose hands touch it could impart to it a force equal to such efforts, and especially when that person is myself? Accept, then, freely and with courage, the facts as THEY ARE, the facts well seen and satisfactorily produced by myself, in whom you have, I think, as much confidence as in yourself. The explanation will' come hereafter, rest assured. Believe firmly that in these phenomena of turning tables there is something more than you see-a physical reality outside of the imagination and of the faith of those who appear to make

379. "It is impossible, as we see, to be more positive, or better to defend the physical evidence on the ground of facts. M. Seguin has a thousand times the advantage over this learned antagonist; but let us see if M. the Abbé Moigno, defeated on this ground, will not take his revence on another.

380. "Referring to a communication made to the academy by one M. Vauquelin, about one of these enchanted tables, which in his hands was wife, who had accompanied her to the cars of the Eric Railroad, she told able to reply to the most mysterious quostions, divine the most secret her she would come and see her in spirit, and kiss her, at nine o'clock thoughts, etc., M. Moigno exclaims in Le Cosmos Revue Encyclopédique that night. On returning home, my wife, somewhat fatigued, threw des Sciences: This time it is too strong; we find ourselves definitively herself into a rocking chair and fell asleep, not thinking of Miss J.'s at the mercy of magic, and the moment has come to proclaim it at Rome. Then there is neither magnetism nor electricity; not even the influence that it was possible for her to manifest her spiritual presence. After a of human volition on matter; but supposing the fact to be certain-WHICH IS HARD TO SWALLOW—there must be in it the intervention of Spirits, human arms thrown around her, and which she actually saw and recogor magic. Intelligence that can refuse these deductions of common nized as those of Miss Judah. She looked at the clock, and found in sense, would be DISORDERED intelligence, as useless to dispute with as twenty minutes before nine; but it was afterward ascertained that the with fools. If you have not been mistaken, if the extraordinary facts clock was ten minutes too fast. During that night different members of which you affirm are true, we ourselves are believers. The intervention of Spirits and of magic become the sorrowful but great realities.'

381. "M. Agenor De Gasparin, one of our most sedate philosophers, writes what follows in La Gazette de France :- I will not insist on this entirely satisfactory. I am mistrustful, though not an academician, and, I admit, that it may be possible (at a pinch) that a mechanical impulsion might be communicated. But the rotation only serves to present other phenomena, the explanation of which it is impossible to refer to any kind of muscular action.

382. " Each of us, in his turn, gave orders to the table, which it promptly obeyed; and I should succeed with difficulty in explaining to fore nine that Mrs. F. perceived her spiritual presence, but did not intiyou the strange character of these movements, of blows struck with an exactness, with a solemnity, that fairly frightened us. "Strike three blows; strike ten blows. Strike with your left foot; with your right foot; with your middle foot. Rise on two of your feet; on only one foot; remain up; prevent those on the side raised from returning the that man is a spirit, and in certain states of development may exercise table to the floor." After each command the table obeyed. It produced movements that no complicity, involuntary or voluntary, could have in- hints at the solution of many of those purported spiritual communicaduced; for we should have afterward tried in vain to place it on one foot, tious from persons afterward ascertained to be still in the body, and and keep it there by the pressure of the hands, resisting incontestably the who may be supposed to have been in a state of trance, dreaming, or efforts to press it down.

383. "Each one of us gave orders with equal success. Children were obeyed as well as grown persons.

381. " Still more: it was agreed that the requests should not be audible, but mere y mental, and whispered to a neighbor. Still the table obeyed! There was in no instance the least error.

385. " Each person desired the table to rap the number of years of his age, and it gave our ages as indicated only in our mind, endeavoring lusion, or misled by a device of satanic intelligence. On expostulating in the most curious manner to hurry when the number was large. I must own, to my shame, that I was rebuked by it, for having unintentionally diminished my age; the table gave forty-three instead of forty-two, because my wife with a better memory, had thought of the correct number.

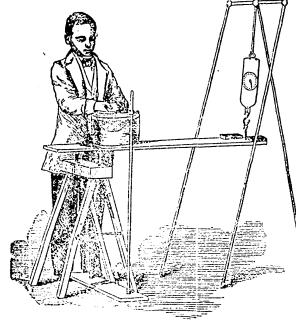
hour, at which the neighbors and the servants of the farm were present, I felt that it was time to stop. I requested the table to rise; to rise | She spoke of them to her husband, but he vainly endeavored to persuade again, and turn over on my side, which it did.

"Accept, gentlemen, the assurance of my best consideration, A. DE GASPARIN.

387. "We stop our citations here; for those who are not content with the testimony we have furnished, emanating as it does from philosophers, or men of serious minds, the same revelations appearing, too, in all parts of the world, will not be better satisfied by any thing we could add. A day is coming, however, that will open every mouth. Then from all those parlors to reserved before-from all those cabinets in which experiments had been conducted with closed access, the truth will burst forth in its full power. Then it will be known that some of the most esteemed men of Paris, of the bench, pulpit, and men of letters. have both desired to see and have seen it; have desired to know and have known it. It will be known that the evil super-intelligence has been revealed to them, and that if they have been silent on the subject, or desired to suppress their name, it was only an act of prudence to restrain public opiniou.

388. "But on that day what will Science be doing? We can boldly predict: the facts of to-day which it does admit, proving to amount to nothing, and the inadmissible facts being admitted, its faith will change, and its language become more modest. Like the ancient Augurs, two savans will not be able to look at each other any more without smiling, and often enough to exclaim: 'It has been well said my dear colleague; it has always been forefold, that "He, who outside of pure mathe-MATICS, PRONOUNCES THE WORD IMPOSSIBLE, WANTS PRUDENCE."

PLATE III.



EXPLANATION OF PLATE.

(v) On the opposite page is a representation of an experiment, in which the medium was prevented from having any other communication with the apparatus, actuated under his mediumship, excepting through water. Yet under these circumstances th spring balance indicated the exertion of a force equal to 18 pounds.

(p) A board is supported on a rod so as to make it serve as a fulcrum, as in a seesaw, excepting that the fulcrum is at the distance of only a foot from one end, while it is three feet from the other. This end is supported by a spring balance which indicates pounds and ounces by a rotary index.

(q) Upon the board, at about six inches from the fulcrum, there is a hole into which the knob of an inverted glass vase, nine inches in diameter, is inserted. (r) Upon two from reds proceeding vertically from a board resting on the floor, so as to have one on each side of the vase, a cago of wire, such as is used to defend food from flies, of about five inches diameter, is upheld [inverted] by the rod within the

vase concentrically, so as to leave between it and the sides of the vase an interstice of of an inch nearly, and an interval of an inch and a half between it and the bottom of (s) The vase being filled with water until within an inch of the brim, the medium hands were introduced into the cage and thus secured from touching the vase. (t) These arrangements being made, the spirits were invoked to show their power when repeatedly the spring-balance indicated an augmentation of weight equal to three pounds. The relative distances of the vase and balance from the fulcrum being as 6

to 36, the force exerted must have been 3 X 6 - 18 pounds; yet the medium did not appear to be subjected to any reaction, and declared that he experienced none. (u) It was on stating this result to the Association for the Advancement of Science that I met with much the same reception as the King of Ava gave to the Dutch am-bassador, who alleged water to be at times solidified in his country, by cold, so as to be

(r) The belief in spiritual agency was treated as a mental disease, with which I, o course, had been infected; those who made this charge being perfectly unconscious that their education has associated morbid incredulity with bigoted and fanatical cred-

Joel Tiffany in Williamsburgh, New York, and Brooklyn. Lasr week Mr. Tiffany delivered a brief series of his eloquent and philosophical lectures in the Spiritual Assembly Rooms of Williamsburgh; and on Wednesday and Friday evenings of the present week he commences another course of them, in the same place. His lectures, thus far, have elicited the profoundest interest and enthusiasm on the part of the large and intelligent audiences in Williamsburgh, and they rank him among the very highest order of orators and philosopher, of any school, and eminently calculated to present a constructive spiritual philosophy which shall reach and command the most critical minds. There is at present such a demand for the labor of a man like Mr. Tiffany in our midst, it is expected that, after speaking next Sunday on the point of Spirit-fingers, which latter were visible to all. The morning and evening at Stuyvesant Institute, and Sunday afternoon in Williamsburgh, he will consent to commence a series of ten or was noticed that the wrist was encircled by a bracelet. The hand twelve lectures in New York and Brooklyn simultaneously.

Mrs. French's Rooms. Mrs. French's room in the Telegraph Building proving too small apartments at 311 Broadway, directly opposite our office.

### Facts and Remarks.

ALMOST A DOUBLE.—The following is regarded, by the writer, as a valuable accession to the mass of facts from which a true spiritual phiosophy must be elaborated: On the evening of September 28, Miss II. I. Judah left my house for her home in Bustalo. On taking leave of my promised spiritual visitation, and, indeed, not having the remotest idea time, however, she was suddenly aroused by the impression of a pair of my family were, two or three times, awakened by a sense of the presence of Miss J., and one of them, on awaking, distinctly heard her speak and say, "God bless you," with two or three other words. We wrote Miss J., stating that her presence had been perceived on that point. The phenomenon of rotation, if alone, would not appear to me | night, and asking her to describe what she had done in her spiritual abstraction; and the following is an extract from her letter in reply:

I met Mr. Jarvis of Rochester, a Spiritualist, in the cars. At half-past eight, powed my head upon my hand, saying to him, "I am going to see Mrs. F--," sincerely hope he will remember it.) I saw Mrs. F. as you described, and kissed her Iwice during the night Psyche flitted through your rooms. Thank God you all felt it Observe, she says it was at half-past eight that she made her first spi ritual visitation. We had written her that it was at twenty minutes be mate that our clock was ten minutes too fast. The time of the occurrence, as stated by both, thus exactly agreed; while its variation from the time fixed in the promise was such as to preclude the idea of a psychological illusion on the part of Mrs. F. This fact, while it proves supersensuous and supercorporeal powers, even while in this world, some other state of introversion, not afterward remembered, at the time the communication was given.

Convincing Experiences .- The following, with other interesting facts, were recently related to us by our friends Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Starbuck, of Troy, N. Y. On Mr. Starbuck's first becoming a Spiritualist, Mrs. S. was alarmed, thinking that her husband had been captivated by a dewith her husband, the latter agreed to forego all farther visitations of circles, for the present, and to exclude the subject, so far as possible, from the themes of ordinary conversation in his family. Not long after this, however, Mrs. S. began to hear various noises in one corner of her 386, "Finally, having continued these experiments more than an room, after she had retired to bed. These noises were repeated on successive evenings, and were such as are produced by a child at play. her that she had been dreaming. Some time after this, Mr. S. accidently came into the presence of a medium, who became entranced. He in quired about the noises heard by his wife, when the medium pronounced them of spiritual origin, and said that his wife had also seen manifestations from the Spirits. Mr. S. reported to'his wife what had been said by the medium, and the result of the review of memories was, that she had frequently seen lights in different positions on the walls of her room at night, which could not be traced to lamps shining through the window, or to any other earthly origin. Both previous and subsequent to this time, she also repeatedly saw the face of a little boy which in its features resembled her living children, and which seemed to be the face of her deceased child, but grown to a size corresponding to that which he would naturally have attained had he lived in the flesh till that time Once she saw this boy kneeling in her room with a female figure whom she recognized as a deceased relative. At another time, having a severe head-ache, she lay down upon the sofa and closed hereyes, when a small band was laid upon her forehead and the pain was entirely removed. She at first supposed this to be the hand of one of her living children, but on opening her eyes she found no one near her. Through manifestations of this kind Mrs. Starbuck herself has become firmly convincen of spiritual intercourse, and is deeply interested in the subject.

> REMARKABLE IDENTIFICATION .- The following interesting spiritual interview occurred in Troy, N. Y., some three weeks ago. We are not authorized to mention the names of the principal parties concerned, but the facts are fully attested by our informant, Mr. Benjamin Starbuck, who was personally present at the interview. It must be premised that a young lady, formerly of Troy, moved to the South, got married, and, some two months ago, died. Before leaving Troy she and a well known young lady there with whom she was intimate, agreed that whichever passed into the Spirit-world first should manifest herself, in some way, to the other. A circle being appointed to be holden with the intention of invoking her Spirit, invitation was given to the young lady referred to, to be present. The latter, by permission, brought a friend with her, whom she introduced, say as Mr. A. The Spirit of an Indian woman first took possession of the medium, Mrs. Babcock, and addressing the strange gentleman, told him that there was a female Spirit present who had a great affection for him; and then went on to describe the young lady who had died at the South. Subsequently this same Spirit took possession of the medium, and held a long conversation with the strange gantleman, whom she addressed as her husband, which astonished every one, as they knew that the lady's husband bore a different name from that by which the gentleman had been introduced. The gentleman was moved to a profusion of tears, and acknowledged that the Spirit had alluded to many circumstances which conclusively identified her as his wife; and stated that, being a skeptic, he had requested his young lady friend to introduce him by his first name, his surname being that of the husband of the lady whose Spirit now purported to ommunicate. Not only was the skepticism of the gentleman entirely emoved, but he seemed deeply gratified and consoled.

> PSYCHOMETRIC AND SPIRITUAL.-Mr. Lorin L. Platt relates to us a fact which occurred in the experience of his wife, and which may aid in the solution of the mooted question of a real psychometric power as resident in the susceptibilities of Spirits still in the body. On one occasion a letter had been given to Mrs. Platt for examination, written by a person unknown to her. Placing it to her forehead, she commenced description of the visitor's character, but was soon interrupted by the presentation, as she said, of the Spirit of the writer, who insisted upon making a communication to one of his relatives in the flesh who was present. The communication being finished, the Spirit disappeared, and the psychometric description was resumed and finished, it being given with such striking accuracy as to be recognized by a person present who had not heard the name of the writer mentioned. Query, if psychometric delineations are always the result of impressions given by disembodied Spirits, how are we to account for the apparent inconsistency which, in that case, must be attributed to this Spirit in interrupting the action necessary to this delineation, by a manifestation entirely foreign to the object aimed at in the beginning and closing part of the investigation?

> TEST BY A CHILD .- A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps of Greenpoint, L. I., died last winter, of scarlet fever. Quite receatly her mother gave a little hat which had belonged to this child, to a child of one of her neighbors. Some days afterward, Mrs. Stillwell a writing medium, called upon Mrs. Phelps, and while scated, she was influenced to write upon a slate, "Ma, what did you do with my hat?" Mrs. P., somewhat confused, made no answer, when presently the medium wrote again: "One of my hats you threw out into the yard; is that all you think of me?" As Mrs. P. was trying to think of some suitable apology, the medium's hand was again moved to write, "I do not say this, Ma, because I am displeased at what you have done, for I am pleased; but I only wanted to give you a test;" and then signed her name "Eliza." It was entirely unknown to the medium that Mrs. Phelps had given away the child's hat; nor was she aware that another hat—an old straw one-belonging to the child, had been cast into the

MANIFESTATIONS IN HARTFORD .- Onr friend J. R. Mettler of Hartford, writes us the main particulars of some interesting manifestations which lately occured at his house in Hartford, in the presence of Henry Gorden as medium. The circle was arranged around an extension table, under which were placed a drum and violin. The drum was beaten by the Spirits, and the strings of the violin were caused to vibrate. After this the leaves of the table were successively raised up hand of the Spirit was of the clearest white, and very beautiful, and it afterward seized the children by the legs, and considerably alarmed them. While in this act, Dr. Mettler took hold of the hand. It felt cold, but a very soothing magnetic influence emanated from it. After for the accommodation of her customers, she has taken more spacious this the drum-sticks were taken up and tapped upon the shoulders of

### UNIVERSAL CULTURE.

THERE are not a few who mistake the mission of Spirits, as though their object in communicating with man on the earth were to supersede the exercise of his own faculties; whereas,: firmation of this, and also as one of the finest descriptions in liteview therein presented:

If thou wouldst make thy thought, O man, the home

Till morn and evening, circling round, shall drop

Their jeweled plumes of sun-flame and of stars.

Build thou that home upon a mountain top,

Where other minds may habit, build it large.

Make its vast roof translucent to the skies.

And let the upper glory dawn thereon,

Where all the free winds shall have space to blow. Open its casements to the East and West, To North and South, to Greece and Palestine Let all sweet flowers bloom in its green retreats: Let every wild bird find sweet welcome there; And every thing that shares the breathing joy Of universal air and earth, be free Of thy well-ordered Empire; and inlay With precious gems, with diamond and white pearl, And blood-red ruby and green emerald in The sumptuous pavement, till it shines afar Like the Apocalyptic shrine whose walls Of massive light, from Earth and Sun, received All varying lusters and diffused their beams. Fresco its inner walls with all that Art E'er pictured of the Beautiful: but still Let Nature freely come to see that Art Hath rightly drawn her perfect loveliness. Fill the grand halls with statues of old time. Let Gods and Demi-gods and Heroes range With Goddesses and Graces. Let the Saints And Seers and Sages, and the valiant throng Of modern Heroes, and the ever young And ever tuneful Poets of all climes. And Hierophants of all religions, have Their place among them: some in silver carved, Some in the Parian marble, some in gold; Each symbolizing that interior truth Or outward use, he lived, taught, acted, sung, Or sought to live or act or sing, that men, Fired by that pure ideal, might become Gods, and the Earth a new-born Paradise. Gather all books within its Libraries, Bid Greece awake through all her words of fire, And Athens wear her violet crown again. And the seven cities plead for Homer dead. Let Marathon and Salamis come forth, Leuctra and Thermopylæ, with all The hosts who flung their free lives on the pile Of patriotic virtue, or who cast The gage of battle to unnumbered foes. And then redeemed it, giving to the earth Their dust, their lives to the great mother-land, Their Spirits to the Hero-halls above. Chant thou thy Epic, Homer; tell the tale Of Troy to modern hearts of living men. Bid India from her Sanscrit speak : let all The Vedas wide unroll their parchment gates. Gather the wisdom of the Pyramids, The secrets that Egyptian Hierophants Practised in crypts and caverns, which they vailed In many a rite and symbol-none forget. Let every Nation's mind unfold its thought. And every Sage depict the starry scheme; And every Hero tell how once he died: And every Poet sing, while Nature smiles To find her buried eras bloom anew. Forget not thine own time; give ample place To wisdom, showered from Heaven, renewing earth. Let Dante sing from out his Middle Age; And Michiavelli, with his subtle skill, Unvail the craft of Tyrants; nor forget The richly flowered muse of Camoens, Or love-lays born of Europe's loval heart. Chanted by Troubadours in sweet Provence. Let manly Chaucer tread his pilgrim round, Let Herbert almost like an Angel sing, And Shakspeare, in one panoramic scene, Reveal life's actual drama, clothing all His varied forms with living flesh and blood, Giving to each a true authentic heart. Whose arteries and veins run warm with love. Let the blind Psalmist of the Commonwealth. Who looked with inward sight where burns the sun Of Spirit-light o'er Eden of old time, In classic English utter all his thought. Let Byron pour from out his burning mind The seething torrents of unresting soul, The passion-dreams of a wild, fevered heart-A world of rebel genii, sin-accursed, Yet aching, hungering for Divinity. Let Keats, the child-Adonis, stand beside The waking figures of his Grecian urn. Interpreting the meaning of all tears Shed by the graces in enamored dreams, Or smiles that drop from out the Sun-god's eyes. When Morn, as on the mountains and the stars, Close their white buds and grow invisible. Let the lost Pleiad, Chatterton, attune His harp in that bright brotherhood of song; Let Wordsworth dream of Heaven amid his hills. And Coloridge stir the heart as with a trump Blown by a young Archangel; nor forget The living in thy reverence for the dead. Make wide Valhalla for the better gods Than Thor and Odin, giants of young time, Thy master-singers, Germany, whose names Shall brighten like their fame, till round the world The rainbow of their living thought hath grown.

Gather the ripe fruit of all Sciences. Until thy plenteous board gleams rich and rare With clustered branches of Hesperian gold. Let every Art stand in its perfect form, And preach the gospel of Invention to The eager intellect. "More light! More Light!" Be this thy motto. Yoke the patient years To plow the fallow fields of History For buried treasures, gems and precious coins And marbles, that shall come from out the dust To tell how beautiful Antiquity Sat on her ivory throne; how looked, how spake The Hero-ages of departed time.

Then when thy mind grows like the purple East, With dawn-fires from the sun of light gone forth, And in that rich and eminent domain Gather together all sweet Charities, And bid them dwell with thee. In that fair home Let Freedom rule, and having won the world In winning its transcendant essence, give That world thy heart, thy life, away in love.

This remarkable poem, purports to be the utterance of number of the greatest English poets, who in less time than One Hundred Hours uttered TEN THOUSAND LINES through Thomas L. Harris, while the medium was profoundly entranced by their influence. It handles the gigantic wrongs and gilded hypocrisies of the Old World with terrible energy, and preached

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### New-Nork Conference.

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we understand their design, it is to quicken and unfold the the Telegraph, under the title, "Interesting Manifestation in Troy." down and accurately write out their whole history. He also possesses powers lying latent and fallow in all human minds. As a con- He said it was not much of a fact, in itself considered, but that like all | u gift which enables him, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, to corother facts, it had its value. If we seek for anything like a philosorature, of the necessity and means of a thorough culture, we of incidents that come within the scope of our vision, the better we shall without any effort whatever of his own part. extract from Shelley's poem in the forthcoming "Lyric of the be able to comprehend the principle which underlies the whole of them; Golden Age," given through Mr. Harris, the noble and liberal and the man who wants to gain anything like an accurate knowledge attend the Conference had seen enough of spiritual manifestations to of himself-who wants to see a picture of himself which shall not be distorted, and which shall be acceptable-must not confine himself to instruction. He thought that if the manifestations mean anything, they his own observation and experience, and that of his own age; nor must are designed to afford our minds a subject of inquiry, for the purpose he rule out of the case the experience and observation of other men and of exercising our reasoning powers; thus fitting us to look inwardly ages. We have a right to them all, and they are all essential to the for truth. He did not believe one per cent. of what he received from sketching of an exact portraiture of humanity—one which shall be uni- Spirits; but still, he did occasionally get communications from them versally acceptable. It is very easy, from a few assumed facts, to which seemed to be in advance of his prior thought; and which, though sketch a picture of man which shall be acceptable to certain classes or sects of men. The Calvinist may sketch a picture of humanity which these, he found himself more capable of taking a spiritual view of would be, to a certain extent, satisfactory to a Presbyterian, but which all subjects. would be entirely unsatisfactory to an Armenian. The Armenian may sketch one which would be satisfactory to the Methodist, but entirely we are compelled to defer their publicity till our next issue. repuguant to the Unitarian, Universalist, or Quaker, or to any other opposing sect; and by so much as these pictures fail to secure a universal recognition by so much are they short of the truth; for no picture of man which shall not be able to compel a universal recognition can be accepted by him. It is well for us to make a comparison between the evidences upon which we affirm the fact that man survives his physical organization, and the evidences upon which the Church builds her faith; for I think we shall see that much which the Church deems to be evidence of the supernatural character of the great Founder of Christianity, would not pass for such to-day. One of the evidences relied upon, is his ability to tell his disciples where they could catch tish; another is his power to heal disease; another his knowing "what | is in man"-all of which powers are in constantly increasing exercise at the present day, and are by no means supposed to lift their possessor above the plane of our common humanity. Now do the facts we are daily witnessing sink in dignity by the side of these? And is it consistent for a man to say of the one class of facts "It is dignified, Godlike," and of the other, "It is peurile, rediculous, and trivial?" Or shall the objector be permitted to say: "Grant your phenomena, admit the sacred unity of husband and wife, and solemnly promise faithfully to that your tables move, your mediums write, etc., these things do not make out the result you claim;" while he asserts the deffication of both remain in the form Jesus Christ on the authority of an unusual draught of fishes? Shall he be permitted to read the story of Gideon and his fleece (Judges 6: 37) with a solemn face, and turn up his nose at the movement of a table through invisible power? Shall he object to a communication from a friend through a table, while he admits with reverential awe, that God himself communicated to man through a sheep-skin? What is there in a sheep-skin, per se, to excite a man's reverence, more than there is in departure. His organization was never strong, but owing to the elas-

. It is well for us to look at these matters, for it enables us to form a degree of physical resistance, which enabled him to ward off the outcorrect standard of criticism by which to judge of the character of our ward agents, and to resist the inward causes, of disease. His malady at own manifestations. When we come to look over the broad pages of first assumed the form of a slow bilious fever, and it was not until human experience, and examine the manifestations of the past, which Friday evening, the 16th instant, that his sickness became the cause of the men of that age believed to be divine, supernatural and spiritual, serious appreheusion. Hitherto he had manifested no signs of mental the manifestations of the present day, which we also believe to be divine aberration, and it was confidently expected that in a few days he would and spiritual, will not sink in comparison with them, either as regards be able to resume his business. the consequences which they have produced, or the manner of their occurrence. There is nothing in the phenomena of the present day wandering. He appeared to be conscious of the presence of visitors which will not bear as severe criticism as the manifestations of the that were invisible to her, and insisted that the room was full of Spirits.

frailties that are manifested in our own. It is sometimes a matter of mortification to us that we are compelled He manifested emotions of reverence, and desired others to be silent to resort to men and women whose characters, we feel, are less pure and listen to what his spiritual attendants were saying. He made sevthan we could wish, for the truth; but when we reflect that all the eral observations to his wife, from which she inferred that his approachdivine truths that the world has ever received have also come through ing change was foreshadowed to his mind. Among other things he men alike frail and alike unable to realize their own ideal, it seems to declared that he saw his own picture draped with crape. He affirmed be a matter not of regret but of rejoicing.

worship the visible instrumentalities which have conveyed truth to semi-ecstatic state of mind, resulting from this intercourse with his inhim; and if our media were as pure and holy as the truths we receive visible friends. through them, there is not perhaps among the Spiritualists of to-day, a mind sufficiently free and expanded to preclude an inclination to worship them; hence, there seems to be a divine wisdom in the fact, that tached, was in all his thoughts. He saw her in trouble, and seemed to our revelation, like that of the olden time, comes through media alike fallible with ourselves.

Dr. HATCH said that the week previous, at a private circle he attended on the Bowery, which was composed of some dozen individuals of both sexes, a tambourine, bell, violin, and one or two other musical instruments, were placed under the table. None of them were played upon except the violin, the strings of which were frequently made to vibrate. ing soul left no sign of hidden anguish on the plastic clay. The bell was also caused to ring ten or fifteen times. The most powerful test on that occasion was the tipping of the table without coming in well informed, and characterized by a degree of mental and moral deplayed by a gentleman present on the violin, and also with tunes which and esteem of a respectable and somewhat numerous circle of friends were sung. A lady present, whose weight was about one hundred and and acquaintances. Life's mortal dream is over, and the soul awakes to forty pounds, stood upon the table, which, with her upon it, continued full consciousness. It is one of the instincts of human nature to respect to keep time with the tunes being played and sung. The medium was the ashes and to cherish the memory of the departed. But we who rea girl ten or twelve years of age.

last, the daughter of Mrs. Fox being the only medium present.

The guitar was raised from the table and conveyed over the heads of the members of the circle., seven persons touching each one on the wife and friends that his faith had disrobed death of all his terrors. head and shoulders several times. Care was taken to obtain entire Before his last sickness he repeatedly expressed a wish that the writer proof that this manifestation was done wholly by Spirit-agency; after of this article might be invited to speak at his funeral. This request this the piano, which was at some distance from the table (say three or was religiously observed by Mrs. Ackerman, who is sustained and confour feet), was played upon, entirely without the physical aid of the circle. This performance was a bass accompaniment to the tune of Old Hundred," which was sung by the circle. It was effected by 23d instant, when a large number of people assembled to testify their striking the keys of the piano with the small end of the guitar. There respect for the departed one, and their sympathy for the surviving relawas also a subsidiary accompaniment performed on the guitar itself, at tives. The parents of Mr. Ackerman reside in Milwaukee, but were the time it was being thus used. The room being darkened, and the present on the occasion. May they find fresh hopes at the grave of hands of the circle being joined, and there being no other persons in the their son. God reigns, and all is well. Our brother has gone to his room or in the whole house, indeed, and the door being carefully closed for the exclusion of the light from adjoining apartments, it was held by mortal tenant has "a building of God"—a house and a home "in the all present to be a fair demonstration of the presence of Spirits, and of Heavens." their ability to move physical objects, and that, too, with a precision which human beings in the form can only do in good strong light; thus also showing that Spirits can see without the kind of light which the physical eye requires.

A portion of the circle being requested by the raps to withdraw into another room, the name of one recently departed was given, and with this a luminous manifestation was made, in which the persons there grouped together, (three in number,) saw moving clouds tending to-Tickets 6 1-4 cents, (to pay expenses, etc.,) which admits to the three wards distinct forms, as if a human form were being created. Spirit lights were also seen, at the same time, in the room where the other four members of the circle were sitting.

Several other manifestations were made, and amongst these the Doctor particularly narrated the handing of a large dinner bell through the air to one of the members of the circle, who was called upon by name to reach out for it in the dark, so done as to exhibit the kind of vision above spoken of.

JUDGE GRAY, of Chautauque, the Doctor's father, Mrs. Gray and lady, visiting in his family, were present, and assisted in testing the manifestations, and they fully corroborate his statement.

Dr. Wellington said, that last Tuesday evening, while he was at a social party, one of two mediums which were present went into the trance state and described a great number of Spirits that were attendant upon | Sunday at 3 P. M. the company, and spoke of one who had been, while on earth, insane, Report of Professor Hare's Lecture. A gentleman present inquired whether that insanity continued in the which the Spirit that most frequently controls the medium, took pos- competent reporter will do well to call on them. session of her, and answered it, by saying that the insanity of an in- Professor Hare's Book. dividual pertained to his physical organism, and that the spiritual progress was retarded in consequence of that insanity, by its physical relations here. And the communicating Spirit said further, that the more Valuable Improvement. any of the friends of a Spirit who was insane during his earth-life. to be affected as the Spirit was on earth.

pressed upon them by departed Spirits, who have power to read the No. 35 Bond-street.

minds and memories of persons in the form. He said that at one time he was himself, to some extent, such a medium. Twenty years ago he REPORTED PHONOGRAPHICALLY BY T. J. ELLINWOOD. was a practical phrenologist, and examined many heads. Sometimes, after persons whose characters he had phrenologically described, but DR HALLOCK related the fact which appeared in the last number of of whom he had no actual knowledge, had left his office, he would sit rectly give the ages of persons who are strangers to him. When asked

A GENTLEMAN remarked that, a very small proportion of those who enable them to lay aside their curiosity, and look within themselves for slowly given, were didactic in their character; and in consequence of

Mr. Partridge stated some interesting facts, but for want of space

### CONJUGALLY JOINED.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. P. Crosny-of this city, we supose-for large samples of the excellent cake furnished on the occasion of this wedding. It was inclosed in a beautiful box, and otherwise secured against inspection in wrong quarters, by white satin ribbons, fit symbols of the silken chords which marriage involves. By an oversight -most natural and excusable amid the pleasing excitement of such an occasion—the bride's card was not inclosed in the box, so that we are unable to publish the nuptials in the usual form.

Married in Bellevue, Eton Co., Mich., November 18th, by Rev. C. Dearing, Marcus H. Tuttle of Albion, and Charlotte M. Sprague of Believue. The following ceremony was used on that occasion.

We, Marcus H. Tuttle and Charlotte M. Sprague, do, on this marriage occasion, make our earnest protest against such laws of this government as operate in their enforcement to deprive woman of her just equality with man; and having by mutual arrangements secured to each other, rights, personal and equal, as by thus joining hands assumed both remain in the form.

#### BORN INTO THE SPIRIT WORLD.

On Monday, November 19th, 1855, the earth-life of Melancton B. D. Ackerman, of this city, was terminated at his late residence, by discase, the deceased being in the 33d year of his age.

Mr. Ackerman was in his usual health until within a few days of his ticity of his temperament and the energy of his will, he possessed a good

In the course of Friday night his wife discovered that his mind was past. Even in the character of their media, we see the same human At times he was apparently engaged in familiar intercourse with them, asking questions and seeming to receive the most satisfactory replies. that he was free from all pain, that he heard delightful music, and was There has always been a tendency in man to worship authority—to not afraid to dic. For some time he appeared to be in a peaceful and

On Monday morning he exhibited signs of bodily suffering and indications of extreme anxiety. His wife, to whom he was devotedly atbe deeply impressed with the idea that they were liable to be separated, and that she needed his protection. He entreated her to remain with him, and expressed his desires in a devout and fervent prayer. After this, he relapsed into a state of profound repose, which remained unbroken until his spirit passed away. There was no outward struggle; the last moments of mortal life were silent and peaceful, and the part-

Mr. Ackerman was a frank, amiable, intelligent and active man, was tact with any human being. In this way it kept time with a tune tivity, and by social feelings and affections, which won the confidence main can best manifest our regard for our brother, by reducing to Dr. Gray stated the particulars of a series of physical manifesta- practice, in our own lives, all that in him was most worthy of imitation, tions which he witnessed at Mrs. Fox's residence on Saturday evening and by overcoming, as far as possible, the fralities and vices which characterize human life in this world.

Our friend was an unwavering Spiritualist, and often remarked to his soled by a similar faith in this hour of severe trial.

The funeral services were performed by the writer on Friday, the rest. The body-the Spirit's dwelling-place-lies in ruins, but the im-

PERSONAL AND SPECIAL NOTICES.
Brooks' Assembly Rooms.

JOHN F. COLES will lecture on Sunday morning, Dec. 23, at No. 361 Broome-street, near the Bowery. Subject, "The Poetry of Spirits," with illustrations under Spirit-influence. Spiritual circles for speaking manifestations in the afternoon and evening, in the same place. None but Spiritualists and their inquiring friends, admitted to the circles. meetings.

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JOEL TIFFANY, Esq., will lecture on Spiritualism, in the Spiritual Assembly Rooms, corner of Fourth and South Third-streets, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th, Friday evening 30th, and Monday evening, December 3d. At the Stuyvesant Institute.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. CLARK will speak in the Brooklyn Institute, next

Dr. Hare's Lecture, delivered at the great meeting in the Broadway Spirit-world. At the time this question was asked, another Spirit was Tabernacle, was revised by the author from the phonographic report communicating through the medium, and no attention was paid to it; furnished to the TELEGRAPH by Messrs. Graham and Ellenwood, whose and communications were received from several other Spirits, after office is at 143 Fulton-street. Those who require the services of a

A. F. CHATFIELD, No. 414 Broadway, Albany, N. Y., has Dr. Hare's being, after the death of the body, was affected by it only so far as its remarkable Book, demonstrating the immortality of the soul and the actual intercourse between the natural and the spiritual worlds.

WE have been shown a set of teeth, said to have been manufactured desire to have that Spirit-friend near them, the more liable are they by Dr. Putnam, of this city (who devotes his whole attention to artificial dentistry), in which gutta percha is used instead of gold, and Mr. Jones said that, in the case of those persons who make remark- which for neatness and apparent durability indicate the invention a able disclosures concerning things of which they have no external most valuable one. A permanent color represents the gums, and as knowledge, it is no inherent power of their own that enables them to the substance is insoluble, tasteless and indestructible in the mouth, do these things; but that, in his belief, they are mediums, and receive we can not but endorse the general opinion, that this will prove an inthe gospel of liberty and harmony with supra-mortal eloquence. intelligence from the Spirits of the invisible world, who attend upon dispensable boon to the thousands who can not afford the more costly them at the time-that the wonderful truths which they relate are im- styles of artificial dentistry. Dr. Putnam's office and residence is at

# Interesting Miscellung.

THE CHEMIST'S APOLOGY. BY PROFESSOR HARE.

A rriex bas handed us the following lines, which were written by a well-known chemist in obedience to a request from a young lady, to write in her Album. The author had no expectation of ever seeing them in print; but they are better worth publishing than many of the offusions of those who make great claims to poetical genius.

Should you bid the stern oak the cherry to bear, On the wide branching elm seek the peach or the pear, Bid the willow, sad drooping, cheerfully bloom, Or moss-covered hemlock gay verdure assume, Deck the mountain, snow-cled, with the green of the glade, Have the Artic as warm as a tropic be made, From a sky without clouds call down genial showers, Or sunshine demand of the storm when it lowers; Nay, bid the Atlantic the Andes o'erflow, Or into the ocean the Andes to go-Niagara, loud roaring, his rocks reascend, Or friendship from mem'ry your image to rend-Such wonders, Louisa, might with reason require, Ere demand of a chemist, poetical fire.

Yet ask, and resplendent, each eye to surprise, The bright arborescence of Diana shall rise. (1) The Arbor Saturni shall splendidly shoot (2) With dazzling effulgence from metalline root. While Mars shall a magical fluid reveal, (3) Your friends to inform, yet from focs to conceal. From the dire realms of Pluto the means I'll evolve (4) E'en on Agate to write, or flint to dissolve, Which stone to convert into light gas may serve, Or a beautiful image on crystal preserve; Nay bid me e'en water or ice to inflame, (5) In fiery letters your will to proclaim; (6) To rive the rude boulder obstructing your path, (7) Or your dwelling protect from Jupiter's wrath-(3) To such efforts, Louisa, my skill may extend, Though the heights of Parnassus I ne'er can ascend.

The Diamond so peerless above a fair brow, . May be seen richly set in its splender to throw : Or brightly encircling a beautiful finger, Around it may seem like a glory to ling r, Yet duly adjured, it shall vanish in air, (9) In charcoal embodied, again shall appear, (10) As bioxide be sour (11) as hydrate grow sweet, (12) In the lungs create warmth, (13) in the furnace yield heat, In protein compounds shall hunger appease, (14) Or as liquified gas while boiling shall freeze. In champagne shall sparkle, in flame shall give light. (15) Yet the sunbeams prevent (16) from dazzling your sight. Through the world's varied drama, so strange is the part Assigned to pure carbon by nature and art. But of all others feats, you'll find it most hard Of a chemical adept to make a fine bard.

1. "Arborescence of Diana." A beautiful precipitation of metallic mercury and silver, which arises from introducing a portion of the metal last mentioned into a dilute solution of silver in nitric acid. 2. "Arbor Saturni." Suspending a piece of zinc in a solution of sugar

of lead, a beautiful arborescence of lead ensues, which is known by the name above mentioned. 3. "Mars shall a magical fluid." Mars is the name given to iron, by the old chemists. If paper be written on, with a solution of this metal

too weak to be visible, on moistening it afterward with an infusion of galls, or prussiate of potash, the writing will appear of a black, or blue 4. "The means I'll evolve." Derbyshire spar, exposed to sulphuric acid, evolves an acid vapor which will act upon agate, rock crystal or

glass. One of the elements of this acid (Fluorine) by uniting with silicon, which is one of the ingredients of glass, will constitute an aeriform substance. 5. "Nay bid me e'en water or ice to inflame." When potassium is

thrown upon water or ice, hydrogen, the inflammable portion, is extricated in union with a small portion of potassium, which causes it to ignite spontaneously. Hence, it is possible to inflame either water or ice, and to set fire to a river would not be more difficult than the building of the Chinese wall, or the Pyramids of Egypt.

6. "In flery letters your will." By writing with a stick of phosphorus on a wall, fiery letters are produced by a slow, spontaneous combus-

7. "To rive the rude boulder." The force of gunpowder dwindles into comparative insignificance before other more modern fulminating • 'S. "Or your dwelling protect." By the well known lightning rod

of Franklin, which if well constructed and sufficiently connected with the earth, must afford the most ample protection against Jove's thunderbolt.

9. "Yet duly adjured." By being exposed under a glass bell to oxygen gas, and heated by Voltaic Electricity, or the focus of a burn. ing glass, the diamond is converted into carbonic acid gas, which is the same as that which is observed to sparkle in champagne. 10. "As charcoal embodied." By heating potassium in carbonic acid

gas, charcoal is obtained. 11. "As bioxide be sour." Carbonic acid is the bioxide of carbon.

and is the cause of the sub-acid taste of mineral waters.

addition of the elements of water, becomes sugar of cane, or sugar of REALITIES OF THE LIFE TO COME, grapes, the change being effected by boiling with sulphuric acid, or digestion with diastase, a substance obtained from malt.

13. "Through the lungs create warmth." The warmth received by animals is now ascribed to the oxidisement of carbon in the blood. 14. "In protein compounds." The only substances canable of nourishing the muscular system are albumen, fibrine, gluten, casein and legumine, and these all yield protein by digestion with potash.

15. "In flame shall give light." The light afforded by any of the flames employed for the purpose of illumination, is directly as the quantity of carbon which can be rendered incandescent in them, the other ingredient, hydrogen, yielding heat with scarcely any light.

16. "Yet the sunbeams prevent." As when glass by being smoked is covered by a thin film of carbon for the purpose of observing the changes in the appearance of the solar disk, during an eclipse of that luminary .-- Woman's Advocate.

A LAW STORY .-- A few days ago a couple of Dutchmen, Von Vampt, and Von Bones, lived on friendly terms on the high hills of Limestone. At last they fell out over a dog. You Vamp killed You Bones' canine companion. Bones, choosing to assume the killing to have been intentional, sued Vampt for damages. They were called in due time into court, when the defendent in the case was asked by the Judge whether he killed the dog. "Pe sure I kilt him," said Vampt, " but let Bones, prove it." 'This being quite satisfactory, the plaintiff in the action was called on to answer a few questions, and among others he was asked by the judge at what amount he estimated the damages. He did not well understand the question, and so to be a little plainer, the judge inquired what he thought the dog to be worth. "Pe sure," replied Bones, "the dog was worth nothing, but since he was so mean as to kill him he shall pay de full value of him." How many such suits have occupied the attention of courts-how many contests have engaged the time of the public, and have been waged with virulence and invective having no more worthy difference than that of Von Vampt and Von

THE MOON.—Dr. Scoresby, in an account that he has given of some recent observation made with the Earl of Rosse' telescope, says;

"With respect to the moon, every object on its surface of one hundred feet was now distinctly to be seen; and he had no doubt that, under very favorable circumstances, it would be so with objects sixty feet in hight. On its surface were craters of extinct volcanoes, rocks, and masses of stones almost innumerable. He had no doubt that if such a building as he was then in were upon the surface of the moon, it would be rendered distinctly visible by these instruments. But there were no DEFARTED HUMAN SPIRIT, wherein he graphically portrays the scenes of the Inner signs of inhabitants such as ours; no vestiges of architecture remain to show that the moon is or ever was inhabited by a race of mortals similar to ourselves. It presented no appearance which could lead to the supposition that it contained anything like the green fields and lovely verdure of this beautiful world of ours. There was no water visible; not a sea or river, or even the measure of a reservoir for supplying town or factory; all seemed desolate.

A New HAVEN paper, describing the location of three prominent institutions of that city, says; "The Medical College is on the road to at the Sansom Street Hall, commencing at half-past 10 A. M. and half-past 7 P. M. the Cemetery; the Divinity College on the road to the Jail; and the Law School on the road to the Poor House."

LINES BY MILTON IN HIS OLD AGE.

Lately discovered, and published in the recent Oxford edition of the l'oet's works. WE publish this poem of Milton's, as there may be many who have never seen it, but may wish to preserve it as the revelation of his old age, and the philosophy of his affliction and sorrow.

Although we do not belong to that class censured by William Cobbett for rolling up their eyes whenever the name of Milton or Shakspeare are mentioned, we can not but remark, that the mind must be superficial and the heart insensible, that can read the following lines and not feel respect amounting almost to veneration for their blind, suffering, but devotional author. There is in them a deep and significant philosophy, which teaches the lesson of thankfulness to God, under all circum stances, since there is no position in society, no condition in life, that has not its compensation and peculiar blessings .- Exchange.

I am old and blind! Men point to me as smitten by God's frown Afflicted and deserted of my mind-Yet I am not east down.

I am weak, yet strong-I murmur not that I no longer see--Poor, old and helpless, I the more belong, Father supreme! to Thee!

O merciful One, When men are farthest, then Thou art most near; When friends pass by, my weakness shun, Thy chariot I hear.

Thy glorious face Is leaning towards me-and its holy light Shines in upon my lonely dwelling place, And there is no more night.

On my bended knee I recognize thy purpose clearly shown-My vision thou hast dimmed that I may see Thyself, Thyself alone.

I have nought to fear; This darkness is the shadow of thy wing-Beneath it I am almost sacred-hero Can come no evil thing.

Oh! I seem to stand Trembling where foot of mortal ne'er hath been. Wrapped in the radiance of Thy sinless land Which eye hath never seen.

Visions come and go-Shapes of resplendent beauty round me throng-From angels' lips I seem to hear the flow Of soft and holy song.

It is nothing now, When heaven is opening on my sightless eyes, When airs from Paradise refresh my brow, The earth in dackness lies.

My being fills with rapture-waves of thought Roll in upon my spirit--strains sublime Break over me unsought! Give me now my lyre!

I feel the stirrings of a gift divine; Within my bosom glows unearthly fire Lit by no skill of mine.

In a purer clime

How to BB HAPPY .- I will give you two or three good rules which nay help you to become happier than you would be without knowing them; but as to being completely happy, that you can never be till you get to heaven.

The first is, "try your best to make others happy." "I never was happy," said a certain king, "till I began to take pleasure in the wel- 12 A M., and from 2 to 5 P. M. Wednesdays and Sundays excepted. fare of my people; but ever since then, in the darkest day, I have had sunshine in my heart."

My second rule is, "be content with little." There are many good reasons for this rule. We deserve but little, we require but little, and better is little, with the fear of God, than great treasures and trouble therewith." Two men were determined to be rich, but they set about Healing Medium .- Mrs. Bradley can be consulted at 91 Green-street, on Monit in different ways; but the one strove to raise up his means to his desires, while the other did his best to bring down his desires to his means. The result was, the one who coveted much was always repining, while he who desired but little was always contented.

My third rule is, "look on the sunny side of things."

Look up with hopeful eyes, Though all things seem forlorn; The sun that sets to-night, will rise Again to-morrow morn,

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